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In re Application of  
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DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING  
METHOD AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR  
DETECTING HUMAN IRISES IN  
AN IMAGE

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